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Feed-in tariffs on the move

France

On the 19 May 2011 the French government announced the new electricity feed-in tariffs for biogas. They are far higher than those suggested at first. Like in Germany they are composed of basic tariffs in function of the power installed and different boni. The basic tariffs range from 11.19 c€/kWh for ≥ 2 MW to 13.37 c€/kWh for ≤ 150 kW. Additional boni are given for the utilisation of animal wastes and efficient energy (heat) utilisation. The maximum tariff for small scale plants is 19.97 c€/kWh.

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Austria

In June the Austrian government has presented the renewed feed-in law for electricity. The annual support for eco-power shall be increased from 350m € today to 500m € in 2015. This corresponds to an annual increase of 40m € (21m € today). The largest part will be invested in wind (11.5m €) followed by biomass including biogas of 10m € per year. The final biomass power installed by 2020 should reach 200 MW. Another 108m € will be invested to cut down the waiting list of RE plants (wind and PV). The financial share for a household to support eco-power will increase from 35 to 47€ per year. For households with lower incomes there will be a cap of 20€ per year. The law has passed the large chamber on July 7, thanks to the support of the opposition with a majority of more than 2/3 of the votes. The goal of the government is to become independent of imported nuclear power by 2015.

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Italy

Italy has more than half of all gas driven cars in Europe (> 700,000) and has the densest natural gas grid (at least in the north). On 3 March the government released the decree no. 28 stating that (among others) the Regions have to apply specific simplifications in the authorization procedures for building new methane filling stations. In order to promote the use of bio-methane for transport. Connection to the already existing natural gas cannot be deferred. Further they declared that Bio-methane injected in the natural gas network is subjected to incentives.

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